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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS

REF: USNATO 1844, DTG 230949Z

1. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE DELAY EXPERIENCED BY SUB GROUP 1 (SG-1) OF THE TSGCEE IN COMPLETING ITS REPORT ON EXPEDITING INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS (REF). SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING OF SG-1 ON APRIL 10-14 WILL BE TOO LATE TO PROCESS REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO CNADS AND DPC MINISTERS.
2. WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT SG COMPLETE ITS REPORT AND THE TSGCEE APPROVE IT BY NO LATER THAN MARCH 20. THIS WOULD PERMIT EWG TO COMPARE SG RECOMMENDATIONS AT SAME TIME THAT EWG IS CONSIDERING
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF TF 6 ON THIS ISSUE. FURTHER, CNADS WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW REPORT PRIOR TO THEIR APRIL PLENARY.

3. TO ASSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE REPORT IS PROVIDED TO DPC MINISTERS IN MAY, PLEASE INITIATE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TSGCEE TO WEEK OF MARCH 13. FYI BECAUSE OF LACK OF REPORT, TSGCEE MEETING NEXT WEEK WOULD BE OF LITTLE OR NO VALUE. END FYI.

B. REQUEST CHAIRMAN TSGCEE TO CALL MEETING OF SG-1 IN PLACE OF POSTPONED EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TSGCEE, I.E., MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN FEB 27 AND MARCH 4.

C. SG-1 SHOULD STAY IN SESSION UNTIL FINAL REPORT IS COMPLETED. IF NATO CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE UNAVAILABLE, OFFER TO USE MISSION OR OTHER SUITABLE FACILITIES FOR THIS AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TSGCEE.

4. AGAIN, WE EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN AT SLOW PACE OF PROGRESS OF SG-1. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT REPORT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BY MINISTERS. ALL NECESSARY EXPEDITING ACTIONS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN TO ASSURE THAT THIS OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED.

5. NAVIGATIONAL ISSUE DOES NOT WARRANT HOLDING EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TSGCEE NEXT WEEK. THIS ISSUE CAN BE ADDRESSED WHEN TSGCEE CONSIDERS SUB GROUP 1
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